the station of posting; if so, the details of the scheme; and

(b) if so, whether such facility of HRR is not available to defence service personnel, unless the accommodation is directly leased to the department concerned; if so, the reasons for such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Defence civilian employees are not entitled for House Rent Reimbursement in case they arrange the accommodation for themselves at the station of posting. They are entitled to receive House Rent Allowance at the prescribed rates in case they are not provided with Government accommodation, as per general orders.

2. The Armed Forces officers who cannot be provided suitable accommodation can be permitted to hire houses or live in their own houses and in such cases they are allowed house rent reimbursement subject to the prescribed rent ceilling and other provisions contained in the departmental instructions. The Junior Commissioned Officers and other ranks can claim Compensation in Leiu of Quarters (CILQ) within the authorised married establishment if they have not been provided with Government owned or hired accommodation.

3. On the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission, orders have also been issued for payment of house rent allowance to the Armed Forces personnel when accommodation under the existing arrangements cannot be provided and subject to certain other conditions. The house rent allowance admissible to them is on the scale as for civilian employees.

Dues to lAF from Ex-Prime Ministers

3073. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem captioned "Three ex-Prime Ministers owe Rs. 14 crores for using lAF planes" appearing in the Indian Express dated 12th June, 1998;

(b) the names of ex-Prime Ministers and the amount due for each;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to recover these amoimts;

(d) whether Government charges any interest for late payment;

(e) if so, the rate charged; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Rs. 13.63 crores is outstanding against the former Prime Ministers as per details given below:—

	Rs.
Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi	1.86,17,280/-
Shri V.P. Singh	2,25,679/-
Shri Chandra Sekhar	5,91,31,476/-
Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao	5,52,40,647/-
Shri H.D. Devc Gowda	26,48,164/-
Shri I.K. Gujral	3,95,986/-

(c) The recoveries of the dues are being pursued with the Prime Minister's Office.

(d) to (f) There is no system of charging interest on the outstanding payments from the user agencies.

Firing By Pak Troops

3074. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Pakistani troops fired in the Jammu and Kashmir border during this year (moTith-wise);

(b) the number of innocent people in the border villages killed thereby;

(c) the steps being taken to check firing from across the border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Details of Pak firing on the border in